

Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:30pm

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Vice Chair Fred Leeder, Marea Mott, Leslie Slate, David Roosa and John Hopf. Absent: Donald Littlefield. Also present was Terri Chmiel, Administrative Assistant for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m.

Approval of minutes for January 8, 2013

The approval of the minutes was tabled to the March meeting.

Discussion with William Penn, BIRA, regarding beach dune restoration.

William Penn represented on behalf of the Block Island Residence Association (BIRA). Mr. Penn explained that BIRA would like to adopt a work program; thereby, reaching out to their members asking for donations and or assisting their time with the efforts of beach dune restoration. Mr. Hopf discussed the positive impact of installing the snow fencing with Mr. Penn. Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The cost per bundle of fencing including the posts.
- Discussion of a work date for the installation of fencing.
- Sending a press release to the Block Island Times.
- Start an awareness project.

Discussion regarding the proposed Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Leeder will attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2013; in which the Town Council's agenda item is to schedule a date to meet with the Commission to discuss the tree ordinance.

Discussion regarding potential beach access across from the Solviken property.

Barbara MacMullen asked the Commission if they would consider channeling an access point across from the Solviken property with snow fencing. The request was recommended on part to prevent people from climbing over the dunes.

Discussion regarding Beach Erosion at Crescent Beach and Mansion Beach.

The Commission scheduled to meet at the Town Beach on Friday February 15, 2013 at 3:00pm to tour Mansion Beach, Crescent Beach and the beach access across from the Solviken Property.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03p.m. in a motion by Mr. Leeder and seconded by Mr. Hopf.

6 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Slate, Mott, Hopf and Roosa)

0 Nays

1 Absent (Littlefield)

Respectfully submitted

Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: March 12, 2013